

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 13, 2009, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Ridley-Thomas:

"Community stakeholders, including the Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County, are observing 'Preteen Vaccine Week' from January 18 through January 24, 2009 to promote awareness about the importance of preteen vaccines in protecting adolescents, their families, schools and communities against serious preventable diseases.

"Vaccines are recommended for preteens by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other health experts to protect against serious diseases including whooping cough, meningococcal meningitis and cervical cancer, as well as to extend the protection of infant and childhood vaccines. These vaccines are safe, effective and the single best way to prevent serious diseases.

"A preventive health visit that includes recommended vaccines provides an opportunity to reconnect adolescents with a regular healthcare provider. It will also promote other healthy practices including healthy eating, regular physical activity and refraining from smoking. This type of visit will also assist the preteens in making sound health decisions.

"Preteens may receive recommended vaccinations at their healthcare provider's office, a community vaccination site, a community clinic or a Los Angeles County clinic."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

- 1. Proclaimed January 18 through 24, 2009 as "Preteen Vaccine Week" throughout Los Angeles County; and
- 2. Called upon government officials, healthcare professionals, educators, businesses, community groups and organizations to join this effort in promoting good health practices throughout our communities.

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